

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

108801

Data Evaluation Record

1. CHEMICAL: Metabachlor (108801)
2. FORMULATION: Technical
3. CITATION: Vilkas, A.G.; (1976) Acute toxicity of CGA-24705 technical to the water flea Daphnia magna Straus. Aquatic Environmental Sciences. Received 11/76 under 100-LIT. (Unpublished report prepared by Ciba-Geigy Corp. Greensboro NC (226955).
4. REASON FOR REVIEW: Generic Standard for Metabachlor
5. REVIEWED BY: H.T. Craven  
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6. DATA REVIEWED: 2/2/78
7. TEST TYPE: Fresh water aquatic invertebrate acute 48 hr.
- A. TEST ID: ES H1
- B. TEST SPECIES: Daphnia magna Straus
- C. TEST MATERIAL: CGA Technical
- D. REPORTED RESULTS

The 48 hr LC<sub>50</sub> to D. magna is 25.1 (21.6-29.2) mg/l (ppm). The 48 hr. no effect level was observed to be 5.6 mg/l (ppm).

E. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The study is scientifically sound and with an LC<sub>50</sub> of 25.1 ppm <sup>metabachlor</sup> is slightly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. The study does fulfill the requirements for an aquatic invertebrate acute LC<sub>50</sub>.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Five test levels ranging from 5.6 to 56 mg/l and two controls (acetone and acetone free) were established. Protocol followed that recommended by U.S. EPA (1975).

B. Statistical analysis: The  $LC_{50}$  values were calculated according to Thompson (1947).

## DISCUSSION/RESULTS

No mortality occurred in any of the four replicates for each of the two controls throughout the test nor in the two lower dosage levels - 5.6 and 10.0 ppm - during the first 24 hours. After 48 hours 5% mortality occurred at 10.0 ppm. The no effect level was reported as 5.6 ppm. The 48 hour  $LC_{50}$  with 95% C.L. was 25.1 (21.6-29.2) ppm.

## REVIEWER'S EVALUATION

A. Test Procedure

The test complies with the recommended EPA protocol (1975).

B. Statistical Analysis  
Validation

1. Category: Core

## CONCLUSIONS

The study is scientifically sound and with an  $LC_{50}$  of 25.1 ppm is slightly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. The study does fulfill the requirement for an aquatic invertebrate acute  $LC_{50}$ .

The Environmental Safety section determined that the testing facility performed a modified Thompson (1947) by discarding the lowest dosage level to make  $K=3$  to calculate an  $t$  value. The result of this revision yielded a 48 hr.  $LC_{50}$  of 25.7 ppm. Further confirmation of the 48 hr.  $LC_{50}$  value was done by Finney Probit (see copy of print out). Probit analysis produced an  $LC_{50}$  with 95% C.L. of 24.9 (21.4 - 29.1) ppm.

Metadactor 5.6  
Tech. 21.

Oapline  
3/6/78 10.  
1.  
20.

15.  
2.  
20.

15.  
15.  
20.

50.  
20.  
20.

5.916  
2.256  
1.476  
5.204

YINT  
YINT  
YINT  
CHIE

24.953  
21.366  
29.115

ED50  
LOCL  
UPCL

15.151  
11.930  
19.241

LD10  
LOCL  
UPCL

41.058  
32.431  
52.000

LD90  
LOCL  
UPCL